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Criteria to Allot Kerosene to States and UTs

1625. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government to allot kerosene to the various States and Union Territories;

(b) the quantity of kerosene allowed to States/Union Territories since January, 2000, till date;

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the growing demands of the States;

(d) whether any request has been received by Government for increasing the commission on kerosene by the distributor under the public distribution system; and

(e) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System. The allocation of kerosene is made on historical basis i.e. last years allocation plus additional allocation out of increase given at the national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the States with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter-State disparity. The statement showing the allocation to the States/UTs for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given in Statement *(see below)*.

Requests are received for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. Kerosene is a deficit product in the country, and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy, the distribution has to be judicious.

Statement

Details of Quantity of Kerosene Allocated During the period from January to July, 2000
(Figs, in MTs.)

S. No.	States/UTs.	Quantity of SKO allocated from January to July, 2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	384343
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6026
3.	Assam	159265
4.	A & N Islands	3927
5.	Bihar	516325
6.	Chandigarh	8988
7.	Delhi	119392
8.	Daman & Diu	1421
9.	Dadra & NagarHaveli	1890
10.	Goa	16380
11.	Gujarat	485583
12.	Himachal Pradesh	35755
13.	Haryana	101597
14.	Karnataka	311008
15.	Kerala	178783
16.	Lakshadweep	539
17.	Madhya Pradesh	395615
18.	Manipur	13286
19.	Mizoram	4769
20.	Maharashtra	728814
21.	Meghalaya	12273
22.	Nagaland	8362
23.	Orissa	189253
24.	Pondicherry	8960
25.	Punjab	200158

(Figs, in MTs.)

S. States/UTs.	Quantity of SKO
No.	allocated from January to July, 2000
26. Rajasthan	260617
27. Sikkim	4606
28. Tamil Nadu	420042
29. Tripura	190063
30. Uttar Pradesh	831577
31. West Bengal	475244
32. Jammu & Kashmir	52232
Total	59,59,093

Potentiality to supply Natural gas from the wells in Tripura

1626. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of natural gas on ONGC has the potentiality to supply daily from the wells it has drilled, so far in Tripura;

(b) the quantity of natural gas lifted daily from the Tripura wells remain unutilised;

(c) whether Government have any plan to utilise the full potentiality by setting up a big thermal power station with a generating capacity of 500 MW in Tripura; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Against the production potential of 3 million standard cubic meter per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas from the established projects in Tripura, an allocation of 1.87 MMSCMD of natural gas has been made to various consumers in the region. Against this allocation, contracted quantity is 1.20 MMSCMD and the 'offtake' is around 0.95 MMSCMD only.

(b) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.